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SUBJECT: SPANISH SAHARA AND TANK DELIVERIES TO MOROCCO

REF: A) MADRID 5493; B) RABAT 4201

1. DEPARTMENT IS REPLYING BY SEPTTEL TO MADRID 5493.

INTER ALIA, WE ARE TELLING GOS THAT WE ARE ENCOURAGING MOROCCO TO PURSUE PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT WITH SPAIN AND REMINDING THE GOM OF ITS ASSURANCES THAT IT WILL NOT USE AMERICAN-SUPPLIED MILITARY EQUIPMENT AGAINST AMERICA'S FRIENDS, AMONG THE BEST OF WHOM IS SPAIN. AMBASSADOR SHOULD MAKE INFORMAL REPRESENTATION TO FOREIGN MINISTER

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LARAKI ALONG FOLLOWING LINES AT MOST APPROPRIATE OPPORTUNITY.

2. FOLLOWING LARAKI'S MEETINGS WITH SECRETARY AND DEPUTY SECRETARY AND ACTING UPON HIS REQUEST, WE SPOKE TO SPANISH ABOUT DESIRABILITY OF NEGOTIATIONS BY THE GOS AND GOM WITH AIM OF AMICABLE RESOLUTION OF DISPUTE OVER SAHARA. WE WERE ENCOURAGED BY INVITATION FOR MOROCCAN EMISSARIES TO VISIT MADRID, AND WE HOPE THAT GOM WILL CONTINUE ITS EFFORTS TOWARDS A DIPLOMATIC SOLUTION OF THE ISSUE.

3. THE USG CONTINUES TO SUPPORT THE KING'S EXPRESSED WISH TO MODERNIZE THE MOROCCAN ARMY. WE ARE RELYING, HOWEVER, ON THE KING'S ASSURANCE, DELIVERED TO THE AMBASSADOR LAST DECEMBER, THAT WEAPONS SUPPLIED FOR THE MODERNIZATION OF THE MOROCCAN ARMED FORCES WILL NOT BE USED AGAINST FRIENDS OF THE UNITED STATES. WE VALUE HIGHLY OUR VERY FRIENDLY RELATIONS WITH BOTH SPAIN AND MOROCCO AND, AS A SUPPLIER OF MILITARY EQUIPMENT TO BOTH COUNTRIES, WE SINCERELY HOPE THAT THE SAHARAN ISSUE CAN BE RESOLVED WITHOUT RESORT TO ARMED FORCE. KISSINGER

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